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Senate Bill 75 "AN ACT INCREASING THE ANNUAL CAP ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM."

Good Morning, Senator Lebeau, Representative Perone and other distinguished members of the Committee on Commerce, my name is Mary Roberts and I am the Director of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of Bill 75, An Act Increasing the Annual Cap on the Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program.

I have the honor of representing the 113 Catholic schools in the state of Connecticut, with 30,000 students in attendance and more than 2,000 dedicated teachers, administrators and employees working at our schools. We also have hundreds of volunteers helping us promote and enhance our educational and community service programs. Connecticut's Catholic schools are grateful to be eligible for participation in this tax credit program; and as a result have been able to undertake a number of capital improvement projects on their campuses.

Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that you support SB 75 as it provides our schools with the means necessary to continue to thrive and build upon past success through the tax credit it provides our generous donors and benefactors.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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